



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kermicle et al.

Serial No.: 09/821,879

Filed: March 30, 2001

Title: Cross-Incompatibility Traits from
Teosinte and Their Use in Corn

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Group Art Unit 1638

Examiner: David T. Fox

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.27 (c) (1)

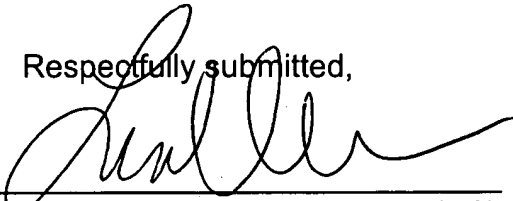
Applicants hereby states that Applicants are a small entity and that the status as a small entity is hereby asserted for the above-identified application. The undersigned attorney is the attorney of record in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

May 16, 2006

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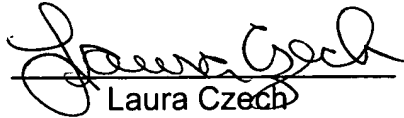
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I hereby certify that this Assertion of Small Entity Status is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on May 16, 2006.



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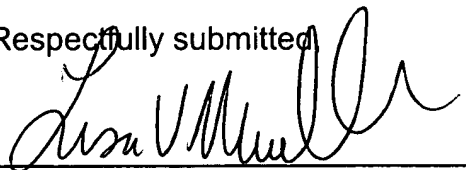
Enclosed herewith is an executed PTOL-85 form for the above-identified application and an Assertion of Small Entity Status. The enclosed PTOL-85 form shows that the issue fee due on May 23, 2005 is \$1400.00. In view of the enclosed Assertion of Small Entity Status, Applicants are enclosing one-half this amount, namely \$700.00. Thereupon, a check in the amount of \$1009.00, for the issue fee and the publication fee and advance order of three copies is enclosed.

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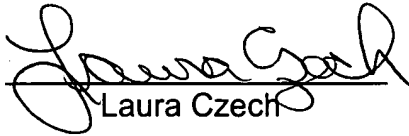

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